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INVASION RUMOUR.

HUNANESE RE-ENTER KWANTUNG?

CANTON NOT ALARMED.

Yunnanese Mercenaries Too Poor To Fight.

NO CHANGE IN YANGTSE SITUATION OR CENTRAL CHINA.

Unconfirmed reports from the north of Kwangtung province state that the Hunanese column which opposes the Canton Government and supports Chiang Kai-shek has again crossed the frontier and attacked the Cantonese defence garrison.

Military news is scarce but alarm is not felt in Canton where the authorities have a few brigades which can be sent up to the war zone. The fact that no reinforcements have been sent shows that there is no anxiety.

The Canton Government's campaign against suspected Communists in the city continues unabated. However, Reds are reported to have broken out in two parts of the province, which are far from each other.

Naval wireless intelligence is to the effect that there is no change in the Yangtse or Central China situation and, in such cases, no news is generally the best news.

MARKET TOWN "TAKEN."

Lokcheong, a market town on the North River, about 180 miles north of Canton, is rumoured to have been entered by the Hunanese without a struggle, the garrison falling back on account of the compromising attitude of the Yunnanese mercenaries who maintain that Canton must pay them first before they will fight. However, the rumour lacks confirmation and should only be accepted with some reserve.

Very little authentic intelligence has trickled through from the war zone in southern Hunan—where are a number of British and other missionaries—but it does seem that the Hunanese have put a considerable distance between themselves and General Pei Chung-hsi who is pursuing them towards Kwangtung.

CANTON'S RED.

Held in Check But Break Out Elsewhere.

At least five raids on premises suspected to be Communist hiding-places were made by the Canton city police yesterday and the anti-Red comb-out continues unabated.

From Hoihow and Kwongning Canton has received urgent calls for help as semi-bandit-and-Red hordes are active. Hoihow is the port of Hainan Island, south of and forming part of Kwangtung province; Hoihow is on the northern shore of the island and is in regular steamship communication with Hong Kong. Kwongning is in that vague area generally known as up-country. It is a district in the west-centre of Kwangtung, not far from the West River port of Wuchow and Kwangsi province.

HUNAN WAR.

Canton's Allies Moving South.

General Pei Chung-hsi, the ally of the Canton Government, who is attacking the Hunanese forces in the south of Hunan, is reported by the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" to have taken the field command in person. Staff headquarters has been moved down to Siangtan and the vanguard is making for Ninghsiang.

The messages referred to may indicate progress for Canton's friends but they also point to the anti-Hunanese army not having reached Hengchow, which is 100 miles from Kwangtung's northern frontier.

Not Caught Up Yet.

Between Hengchow and Kwangtung province, the Hunanese have at least one column of about 10,000 men which actually crossed the boundary and invaded the domains of Canton. This invasion was repulsed but later reports, referred to above, hint that a second invasion is mooted. And Canton's allies, who are in the rear of the Hunanese, have not caught up yet.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Officials of the Nationalist Government.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A telegram from Nanking

BIGGER PROFITS.

Humphreys Estate and Finance Co.

CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF SPEECH.

Annual Review Takes Less Than A Minute.

What has probably been the shortest speech for some considerable time by a chairman at the annual meeting of a local public company was delivered by Mr. Henry Humphreys today, when presiding at the annual meeting of Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., held this morning at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Mr. Humphreys' address took less than a minute and the proceedings were completed in remarkably quick time. However, this is not a "company meeting record" as there is one of some years ago which lasted less than a minute all told.

Profits Increased.

Supporting Mr. Humphreys were Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. J. M. Alves (directors), Mr. G. Rapp (secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. M. Manuk, A. P. Samy, Frank Austin, D. E. Clarke and J. D. Humphreys.

The convening notice was read by the secretary. The report, accounts and auditors' report for 1927 were taken as read. Mr. Humphreys then read his review, as follows:

"The accounts are simplicity itself and call for little comment.

"The net profit for the year shows an increase of \$5,533.81 over the previous year which your directors think is quite satisfactory.

New May Road Flats.

"You will note that Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund, and Special Repairs and Renewals Fund have been depleted by \$2,092.62 and \$18,680.41 respectively. The latter was larger than usual, as last year we had to give the periodical overhaul to the following buildings—Carnarvon Buildings, Humphreys Buildings, Nathan Road buildings, Abertholyn and Ian Mor."

"I trust that you will approve of the proposed appropriations which will restore these funds to their former figures.

"The only building operation undertaken during the year under review is the construction of four residential flats on May Road.

These are now half completed and should be ready for occupation in July next.

Shareholder's Tribute.

"I have no further comment to make, gentlemen, and after the accounts have been proposed and seconded I shall be pleased to answer any question shareholders may put in regard to same."

Mr. Humphreys then proposed that the report and accounts be adopted and passed. Mr. Austin seconded, adding: "I think that all shareholders are satisfied and pleased with the result of the year's working." No question was put and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Other Business.

Tientsin, Feb. 1.

Several Chinese exchange brokers and wealthy merchants were taken into custody this morning by Chinese police authorities on charges of having disturbed the monetary situation.

As all the Chinese shopkeepers are now refusing to accept the Fengtien paper money in their transactions, the lower classes are in extreme distress. The labourers recently submitted a demand to their employers, asking for adoption of a system of paying wages with gold or silver coins, but as their demand was not entertained by their employers, discontent prevails among the poor.

TIENTSIN "SQUEEZE."

Chinese Authorities Demand Special Tax.

Other Business.

Tientsin, Feb. 2.

On January 28 the Chinese administration of the former Russian Concession circularised Chinse and foreign residents and firms in that area demanding the payment, within a week, of a special "Anti-Red Tax" amounting to two and a half times the Rental Tax for last year.

Yesterday the Chinese administration of the former German Concession circularised foreigners owning property in that area demanding the production of their title-deeds for examination with a view to the payment of a special rental tax.

Foreign Protest Urged.

There is considerable agitation here among foreigners, who consider that the demand is unwarranted.

In addition to Chinese and others not enjoying extraterritorial rights many British, American and French persons and firms own property in these areas and would be seriously affected by the imposition of the proposed tax.

SIR M. LAMPSON.

MINISTER ARRIVES AT NINGPO.

Ningpo, Yesterday.
Sir Miles Lampson has arrived from Tsingtao aboard H.M.S. "Foxglove."—Reuter.

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Alleged Fraud Against Employee.

LOCAL FIRM'S SUIT.

Judge's Surprise At Failure To Check Bills.

A former employee of local manufacturers was alleged, at the Supreme Court this morning to have defrauded his employers of over \$13,000, charging freight at, in some cases, five, seven and even nine times the amount actually paid to the shipping agents.

His Lordship described as "remarkable" the failure of the employers to detect the frauds during a period of years and expressed wonder that disaster had not overtaken them as a business concern.

Plaintiffs in the case were the Kwong Sang-hong firm of 250-252 Des Vaux Road, Central, and they sued the employer in question—

PEAK GARAGE.

H.K. Land Investment Venture.

ANNUAL MEETING TO-DAY.

Appreciation Of Work Of Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

The purchase of Prince's Building, the completion of arrangements for erecting a garage at the Peak, half way between the Hotel and Mt. Kellett Road, and an appeal against a Court decision in favour of the Company relative to the rights of appointment of a successor to the late Sir Paul Chater were among the matters referred to at the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Company relative to the work of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

Appreciation was expressed of the work of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Chairman, who is shortly leaving the Colony to take up an appointment with Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in London.

Supporting the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard were Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. J. E. Joseph (Directors), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. W. S. Bailey, H. A. Rogers, B. W. Tape, W. H. Bell, A. C. Kennedy, W. E. L. Shenton, J. H. Tarrant, N. V. A. Croucher, C. S. dos Remedios, O. F. Ribeiro, P. S. Cassidy, T. G. Weall, J. M. Alves, Fung Kang-un, D. V. Stevenson, F. Austin, H. Dennis, A. P. Samy, B. C. Randall and J. T. Bayram.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman's speech was as follows: The amount available for appropriation, including \$895,982 brought forward from the previous year, is \$1,421,291.48; this after payment of the interim dividend in August last of \$2 per share absorbing \$430,000. Your Directors recommend a final dividend of \$2 per share, the same as last year; a bonus to staff of \$8,000 and the balance amounting to \$933,219.48 to be carried forward, and I trust shareholders will approve of these appropriations.

During the year an opportunity occurred of acquiring Prince's Building, with all its recent improvements and on which we had a mortgage of \$1,500,000, for \$8,000,000. After carefully considering the matter from every point of view under present prevailing conditions, your Directors decided to effect the purchase and I think you will agree that it makes a very fine and important addition to the Company's properties in the central district. You will notice that to facilitate the finance of this transaction a mortgage of \$650,000 which we in existence in addition to ours already mentioned has been carried on.

\$1,500,000 Mortgage.

We also had a mortgage on K.M.L. 49 but when repayment was due we could get no satisfaction from the mortgagors and as interest was months behindhand, we sold the property by auction with a reserve sufficient to cover the principal and outstanding interest. It was bought by the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. However, they needed only the front portion of the lot consisting of vacant land, and gave us the opportunity of purchasing from them the rear portion consisting of 111 houses at cost. This offer was accepted and we were thus able to acquire at a reasonable price a property with good prospects of substantial future appreciation.

The purchaser of some property at Wan Chai which we had sold during the boom, allowing him to leave part of the purchase money on mortgage, defaulted and we had to re-enter. The resulting value in our books was rather high so your Directors decided to allocate \$500,000 from last year's profits to writing down the property to a more reasonable figure.

The foregoing are the principal causes of the "amount advanced on Mortgages" falling from \$10,140,593.23 to \$6,144,957.86 and "Amount Invested in Property" increasing from \$5,340,038.77 to \$9,011,286.20 during the year.

FRESH WIND, OVERCAST.

North-east winds, fresh, overcast, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has weakened slightly and is now central to the north of Shanghai. Fresh moon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Defendant's reply was that he was proprietor of the Yue Fung Yuan firm, and that he was carrying on trade as a merchant in hams.

Plaintiffs, however, were not satisfied with his explanation and they discharged him. As a result, another person was employed as tallyman to look after the shipment of goods and it then transpired that the defendant had been defrauding them for a number of years, at least for three years, the sum total amounting to that claimed in the writ.

"Pocket The Difference."

The method by which the defendant obtained these amounts was as follows, stated counsel. It was his duty when the plaintiffs wanted to ship goods, to go to the shipping agents and arrange with them for goods to be shipped to their required destination. When these arrangements were complete, he would get from the shipping agents a debit note for the amount of freight, assuming such to have

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BRITAIN AND CHINA.

STATEMENT BY FOREIGN SECRETARY.

DIFFICULTIES ADMITTED.

No Immediate Surrender of British Rights.

FAILURE OF CHINESE RULE IN FORMER CONCESSIONS.

In the course of the debate following the King's speech upon the opening of Parliament, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, made a long statement regarding China.

He admitted the difficulties in the way of carrying out of our policy towards China, but said that some progress had been made. Reference was made to the two and a half per cent. surtax and the question of extraterritoriality, in regard to which he said it was hardly possible to make any further advance at present in respect to the surrender of our existing rights.

Dealing with the surrender of the Hankow and Kiukiang Concessions, Sir Austen blamed the civil war in China for preventing the Chinese from discharging their obligations.

On the whole, he considered that the situation was much better than it was a year ago.

Sir Austen touched upon Anglo-American relations in the course of his address.

IMPROVED SITUATION.

London, Yesterday.
Ho could only watch the development of affairs and proceed on that path as circumstances might render further progress possible.

Nanking Outrages.

The Defence Force had already been reduced to 4,500 and orders had been given for the withdrawal of another battalion. He would be very happy when conditions of order and security enabled a total withdrawal, but that time had not come.

He regretted the failure of any Chinese authority hitherto to give satisfaction for the outrages at Nanking. Even at the present moment Chinese troops wrongfully and unlawfully occupied the British Consulate.

The situation was undoubtedly better than last year. The anti-British character of the agitation had changed and the Chinese were beginning to acquire a better appreciation of the goodwill of the British Government and people.

Geneva.

He defended the Government against the charges of the Opposition regarding Geneva. No doubt the United States bitterly regretted the failure of the honest efforts of all three parties on the advance work begun at Washington. He thought the Government was well advised not to take up the subject again at present, but hoped the participants in the Conference and other interested Governments might learn from the failure that when the time came to review the Washington Convention, and as he hoped to make a new one, they might profit from the lessons of the past and succeed where last year they failed.

Anglo-American Negotiations.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH, ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the annual meeting yesterday of the Hong Kong branch of the Navy League over which Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., presided supported by Mr. W. A. Dowley, Vice President, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. L. M. Whyte (Honorary Secretary), Mr. A. J. Bird (Honorary Treasurer), Mr. C. P. Marcel, Mr. W. G. Stokes and Mr. S. H. Williams.

An interesting suggestion was made in the course of the meeting by Mr. Stokes who referred to the large number of British Merchant Marine Officers working out of Hong Kong and to those domiciled here whose existence was absolutely dependent on ships and sea-borne trade. Was it not possible, he asked, that by a judicious and encouraging word in season, the Navy League might add from those to whom he had referred a greater number to their strength?

Inadequate Membership.

At the outset of the meeting, the Chairman referred to the local branch's present membership of 229 and said he wanted specially to impress upon the public of Hong Kong that this number was insufficient, for the reason that the Head Office in London had to spend a considerable amount of money in propaganda work to counteract the efforts of extremist pacifists on the other side.

As the League's energetic secretary in London, Commander Denny, R.N., wrote in November of last year, "we are engaged in combating the extremists of pacifism here, who are advocating making gestures to the world and disarming. But it is uphill work as they have a large following and much money."

In these circumstances and as the local branch sent sums of money to the Head Office, he hoped, stated Sir Henry, that very shortly a number of British residents in Hong Kong would send in their names for membership of the Navy League. The present membership was a very inadequate one when one considered that societies like St. George's and St. Andrew's had a membership of something like four times that figure. He would suggest that the members of these societies should roll up and join the Navy League in order to enable the local branch to send money home to the Head Office which would be most usefully spent in propaganda for a strong Navy.

There was no entrance fee, commented Sir Henry, and the subscription was only \$5 a year whilst \$8 entitled one to the excellent monthly publication of the Navy League called "The Navy," a most interesting publication in regard to all pertaining to Naval work.

Observations At Home.

As they would observe from the report during the past year they had sent various telegrams to the Head Office in London. He (the speaker) had himself been present at a very well attended Navy League banquet at the Hotel Cecil, London, when the Nelson Day telegram from the local branch of the Navy League had been read out. Those present at the banquet included Admiral Earl Beatty, Mr. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, and other prominent persons.

NAVY LEAGUE.

SUGGESTION FOR INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

An appeal for increased interest in the League by the public of Hong Kong and an increase in membership was made at the annual meeting yesterday of the Hong Kong branch of the Navy League over which Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., presided supported by Mr. W. A. Dowley, Vice President, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. L. M. Whyte (Honorary Secretary), Mr. A. J. Bird (Honorary Treasurer), Mr. C. P. Marcel, Mr. W. G. Stokes and Mr. S. H. Williams.

Sir Henry referred to various other celebrations which were held at Home on Nelson Day and stated that in the course of his stay he paid several visits to the Navy League office. He had also, at the request of the Chairman of the League, given his views on certain matters, out here at a gathering at which several members of Parliament and members of the Executive Committee had been present.

Sir Henry paid a tribute to the work of the Executive Committee before a large number of them, the response, or should I say the want of it, has been very discouraging.

One recruit to my credit.

I do not understand this discouraging result, the mission of the League is important, its aims are truly patriotic and its appeal should be irresistible by any and every Briton who lived through the years 1914-18.

We have on our Roll a goodly number of the captains of maritime industry. If it is not possible that, by a judicious and encouraging word in season, they might materially assist in adding to our strength.

Mr. Williams seconded.—Carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked if any member would like to ask questions.

Mr. Stokes' Remarks.

Mr. Stokes then addressed the meeting as follows:

According to the Report the addition to the Membership Roll during the year was 50, this is no doubt satisfactory in comparison with the total of 229 Members.

From the latter figure, however, arises the more important and, if I may say so, unsatisfactory point that our membership is discouragingly low.

Considering the fact that there are over 1,000 natural born British Merchant Officers constantly working out of Hong Kong whose daily bread is actually earned, and eaten, at sea, besides many more of our compatriots domiciled here whose existence is absolutely dependent on ships and sea-born trade, which is made possible only by the work of our ubiquitous

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The Chairman said they were much indebted to Mr. Stokes for his very useful suggestion which would be carefully considered by the incoming Committee with a view to framing an appeal to the mercantile community.

Officers Elected.

The following officers were then elected:

President, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.; Vice President, Mr. Paul Launder; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. P. Marcel; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. J. Bird; other members of Committee, Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. W. H. Dowley and Mr. A. L. Shields.

The Chairman indicated that in a few days time their active and energetic Honorary Secretary, Mr. L. M. Whyte, to whom they were indebted for his work not only during the past year but during the previous year, was going home on a well-earned holiday. On behalf of the Navy League he wished Mr. Whyte a very pleasant holiday (hear, hear).

The meeting concluded with thanks to Jardine, Matheson and Co. for their courtesy in allowing the Board Room to be used for meetings.

Navy, it would seem that there should be no difficulty in making a very considerable addition to our Membership.

Debt to Royal Navy.

The Mercantile Marine Officer on the China Coast, even in piping times of peace, owes a very great debt to the Royal Navy, yet, although I have brought the matter of joining the Navy League before a large number of them, the response, or should I say the want of it, has been very discouraging.

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MATSHED RANSACKED.

Four Chinese gained admittance to an unnumbered matshed in Tungtao village, Kowloon City on January 14 by posing as police officers, and when they found that the only occupants were three women, the intruders ransacked the place and stole money and jewellery worth \$70.

Following a report made by the women, the police made investigations which resulted in

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SHIPPING SECTION.



CARGO DAMAGED.

IMPORTANT SUMMARY COURT JUDGMENT.

SHIPOWNERS WIN.

Judgment for the defendants with costs was given in the Summary Court yesterday in the case concerning the degree of responsibility of shipping firms in respect of damaged cargo.

This was the case in which Capt. G. D. Arthur, of Carmichael and Clarke, gave expert evidence. The plaintiffs were the Peng Heng Long firm; merchants, and the defendants were the Kwang Seng shipping firm, 40 Bonham Strand West. When the case was heard expert evidence was given by Captain Arthur.

Mr. R. A. Wadson appeared for the plaintiffs and the defendants were represented by Mr. D. L. Strellet.

Giving judgment his Lordship said:—"The plaintiffs shipped cargo in a steamship owned by the defendants. On the voyage this cargo was damaged by sea water. The action is brought in contract in respect of this damage.

The bill of lading here concerned (allowing for certain misprints) is in the ordinary form.

RESULT OF BAD WEATHER.

The sea-water damage was the result of this bad weather. The cargo was stowed in No. 1 hold forward. How the water reached the cargo is not definitely ascertained. Five feet of water was observed in the forepeak but as subsequent inspection disclosed no defect in the collision bunker, it is likely that no water entered the hold from this portion of the ship.

The parties came to trial after correspondence in which plaintiffs' solicitors relied solely upon an alleged breach of the warranty, contained in the contract of sea-carriage, of the sea-worthiness of the ship. This contention the plaintiffs abandoned after the close of the evidence, most of which had reference to it. In my opinion, therefore, whatever may be the result, either in this court or on appeal of these proceedings, the plaintiffs should pay all costs of the present trial.

In his final submission the learned solicitor for the plaintiffs relied on the terms of the bill of lading, and argued that the defendants had not been able to bring themselves within any exception there set out.

REASONABLE PRECAUTION.

The relevant exceptions are (1) "Act of God," and (2) "other accidents of the seas, rivers, and streams."

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navigation of whatever nature or kind." In my opinion the defendants may successfully found their defense on either of these exceptions. The operative cause was something independent of human action, viz., weather; and further it has not been suggested that the accident could have been avoided by exercise of greater care or foresight. In these circumstances the event was an "Act of God."

I have noticed the following paragraph in section nine of "Carver's Carriage By Sea," (seventh edition). "It is not enough for the shipowner to show that the loss arose from natural, as distinguished from human causes, and to leave it to the other side to show that there was some want of precaution or care on his part; he must himself show affirmatively that the causes were such that no reasonable amount of precaution and care would have enabled him to avoid or guard against them."

Onus Satisfied.

Captain Arthur's evidence as to the frequency of this occurrence on seaway ships, to my mind, sufficiently satisfied any onus borne by the defendants on this point. The second exception is an amplification of the term "perils of the sea." This accident was not merely an "Act of God;" it was also a "peril of the sea" and as such, in the absence of negligence alleged and proved, will be a good ground of defence in this action. For these reasons it seems to me that the plaintiffs have failed to establish a cause of action. I give judgment for the defendants with costs.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The E. I. & Apcar Line s.s. "Tilawa" left Singapore for this port on February 3, and is due here today.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" R/W Cruise, arrived at Manila on February 6 at 9 a.m. left Manila yesterday at 7 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow at 8 a.m. She will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf.

The P. & O. s.s. "Karmal" left Singapore for this port to-day at 8 a.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on February 18 at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.), will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on February 15.

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CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Yangtze" are reminded to send in claims to the Agent before February 10.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Bonaldo" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 18.

His Worship stated that if any further case of carrying dangerous goods on board junks were brought to his notice a heavier fine would be inflicted.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The arrivals of vessels, recorded to-day at the Harbour Office are as follows:—8 British vessels (5 of which are B. & S.); 1 French vessel; 1 Swedish vessel; 6 Japanese vessels.

The cargo imported to Hong Kong by the above vessels, altogether total 7,269 the through Hong Kong cargo tonnage amounts to 334,141.

Of these above figures the highest imported cargo for Hong Kong is per s.s. "Shui Chik" (Chinese) from Saigon—Chang Tong Ma S.S. Co.—2,000 tons general cargo; and the through cargo, the distinction goes to Gibb, Livingston Co., by s.s. "Beuriomes" from Shanghai—6,416 tons general (through).

The passengers list for to-day show a considerable decrease from yesterday amount, the list is given as follows:—398 Asiatic Deck passengers; 32 Asiatic Cabin passengers; 18 European Cabin passengers; Total being 448.

Departures.

For Canton:—Hang Sang, Soo-chow; Ninghai.

For Haliphong:—Tung Tuck.

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Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	Port
British	6	6	32
Japanese	6	1	10
Chinese	4	2	18
Dutch	0	1	5
German	0	1	0
American	0	1	1
Swedish	1	0	1
Norwegian	0	0	7
Danish	0	0	3
Portuguese	0	0	2
	18	12	81

MARINE COURT.

WARNING TO JUNK OWNERS.

Two cases were heard at the Marine court this morning before Commdr. G. H. Hole, R.N.

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	2nd Mar.	Straits & Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
ALIPORE	5,273	7th Mar.	Straits & Bombay
CHIVA	6,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,986	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMAKA	6,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,046	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	6,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,604	14th April	Marseilles & London
INAGORE	6,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,651	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASIGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORF	5,128	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,086	26th May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NOVARA	6,080	16th June	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd June	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	6,114	7th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NANKIN	7,058	14th July	Marseilles & London

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TILAWA	10,000	11th Feb.	Annoy, Shih, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KARMAKA	9,128	12th Feb.	Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,986	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALIMA	10,000	21st Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TAIKIWA	7,936	1st Mar.	Annoy, Shih, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
INAGORE	5,283	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,604	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
LAHORE	10,583	19th Mar.	Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	5,318	10th Apr.	Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
JEYPORF	9,005	13th Apr.	Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASIGAR	10,986	27th Apr.	Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	6,056	8th May	Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NOVARA	6,089	8th May	Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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Pirates Notwithstanding. The next question which inevitably arises is: "How can these revenue cruisers satisfactorily and periodically visit lights in waters which extend from Pakhoi (south of Canton) to Harbin, when ports situated between these two points are governed by various political and military factions often opposed to the seat of the Inspector-General of Customs and to the Chinese Government at Peking to which he is responsible?" One answer is that, irrespective of government, these cruisers carry out their inspection trips according to the programme laid down, and it is a significant fact that, notwithstanding the civil wars, pirates, and the insidious troubles through which China has passed and is still passing, not once has a cruiser failed to carry out its trip and accordingly kept the China coast lights burning.

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Although the contracts for the hulls had not been settled in mail week, the Rotterdam Lloyd S.S. Co. has ordered the machinery for two passenger liners larger than any they now have in service. In each ship there will be installed two De-Schelde-Sulzer 10-cylinder single-acting engines developing 7,000 s.h.p. at 100 r.p.m., making a total of 14,000 s.h.p. for each vessel. These motors have cylinders 760 mm. bore with a piston stroke of 1,340 mm. Four auxiliary Sulzer engines will be fitted for the supply of electric power and their total output will be 3,120 b.h.p.

MOTORSHIP ECONOMY.

An interesting page of history in the motorship v. steamer controversy was indicated to the "Journal of Commerce" by a motorship owner. He said that the Swedish American Line, which put the first motor liner on the Atlantic, has just completed its most prosperous year. The "Gripsholm" is now a profit-earner of no mean measure. Her economies are certainly striking. She is 18,000 tons, and yet costs about 40,000 kroner less to make the round voyage between Sweden and New York than the same company's 12,000-ton steamer "Stockholm." This is one of the most practical motorships facts yet discovered. But what would the "Stockholm" do if she were a turbo-electric-driven steamer such as that just ordered by Lord Inchcape for the P. and O. Line?

OIL PRICES.

SAVINGS IN 1928 FOR
SHIPOWNERS.

REDUCED BUNKERS COST.

London, Jan. 8. The year opens with the oil situation more favourable to the motor shipowner than has been the case for a long time past. It is doubtful whether, if an average be taken of all bunkering ports throughout the world, a mean price of 60s. per ton for Diesel oil will be exceeded for moderately large contracts, and, as a general basis, it is believed that the reduction in the cost of bunker oil during 1928 will represent a saving of something between 5 per cent. and 10 per cent. to the motor shipowner. At some ports prices are remarkably low, and, for instance, at San Francisco the market price is quoted at 32s. per ton, whilst in New York it is 66s. per ton; contracts are, of course, fixed at lower figures than these.

1927 Production.

During the last months of 1927, oil production in the United States averaged 2½ million barrels daily. Two years ago it was 2,000,000 barrels, showing an increase of no less than 25 per cent. in so short a period, in spite of the fact that production had been deliberately curtailed. The total output in 1927 has been just 20 per cent. greater than in 1926. There seems every reason to believe that the production of oil, not only in the United States, but in other parts of the world, can be considerably increased, should it become necessary, and all discussion of shortage of liquid fuel in the future is, at any rate for the time being, at an end.—"The Motor Ship."

QUICK DISCHARGE.

RECORD FOR WHITE STAR
LINER.

Despite the bad weather which delayed the arrival of the White Star liner "Baltic" at Liverpool in mail week from New York, determined effort on the part of all concerned to make swift work of the discharge of her cargo minimised the delay to a great extent. The expeditious manner in which all hands went to work is well worthy of record. It is also a very fine commentary on the up-to-date equipment and appliances of the new Gladstone Dock. The Baltic was berthed at 2 p.m. on a Thursday, and half an hour later the working of the 7,000 packages of fruit was begun. The



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OUR CHINA POLICY.

The statement in the House of Commons by Sir Austen Chamberlain on foreign affairs, made in the course of the debate on the King's Address, prompts a few observations, particularly in view of what was written in this column yesterday. Then we advanced the opinion that the Chamberlain policy toward China, as outlined in the Foreign Secretary's famous memorandum of December, 1926, was worthy of more confident support now that we had the assurance that we were not going to be rushed into a position which would completely nullify Britain's work in China. Sir Austen's remarks go a long way towards strengthening that confidence and, in a degree, add to it. The salient point was made in connection with his statement regarding extraterritoriality. He emphasised that we were ready to apply the existing modern Chinese civilian and commercial codes in the British courts, but as these codes were not complete, it was hardly possible to make a further advance in the direction of the surrender of our existing rights.

This is the assurance we have been waiting for from Sir Austen Chamberlain for a full year, though it would be fair to add that when the terms of the new policy were announced the Foreign Secretary himself did not consider that such a statement was necessary. Nor did we, but it became abundantly apparent that some such proviso was essential immediately after the far at Hankow in January of last year. However, we now have the assurance, British nationals

in China are not to be indiscriminately kicked out of the country, and British interests will receive adequate protection.

Such, at least, is our reading of the Foreign Secretary's speech. In almost the same breath as his assurance regarding extraterritorial rights he admits that the surrender of the Hankow and Kiukiang Concessions did not prove the glorious success he anticipated. The blame he attributes to the chaotic civil war, which has "immediately impeded the Chinese efficiently discharging the obligations devolving on them from the moment we surrendered any of those privileges." In part he is right, though there remains the fact that in drafting his new policy he and his advisers displayed a singular ignorance of the circumstances and conditions of existence in China for the national in whose interests he acts as the spokesman. What is evident is that there is a lull in the enforcement of the policy, and that is all to the good. We have Sir Austen's own words that he could only watch the development of affairs and proceed in accordance with what may happen. As we all know, anything may happen, and it is this ever-present feeling of uncertainty which renders the adoption of any definite line of policy extremely difficult, not to say distinctly disadvantageous to our nationals who would be expected to continue in their way of life whilst such changes were being effected.

THE CHURCH.
ADDRESS BY REV. G. H. HEWITT.

At the St. John's Cathedral Hall this morning a good gathering of members of the Cathedral Women Workers' Guild listened to an interesting address by the Rev. G. H. Hewitt on "The Church of England in the 19th Century." The speaker explained the "break" with Rome and touched upon the subjects of confession and other Roman rites, explaining the reasons for their exclusion from the Church of England.

After the address a meeting of the Committee of the Guild took place.

ILICIT OPIUM.

At the Central Magistracy before Major C. Wilson this morning, Mr. Horace Lo defended a Chinese charged with the unlawful possession of two tins of illicit opium. In view of the accused's statement to the police, the Magistrate decided to convict and fined the accused \$250.

Senior Revenue Officer, Watt charged a Chinaman before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the unlawful possession of 60 taels of illicit opium. The accused, who was arrested at the time of the "Sun Tai," was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

THE HOUGHTON CASE

ALLEGED ILLEGAL PRACTICE AS SOLICITOR.

LAW SOCIETY ACTION.

The case against C. M. Houghton charged on two counts of "directly or indirectly practising or acting as a solicitor not having been admitted and enrolled, contrary to the Legal Practitioners' Ordinance of 1871," occupied Mr. R. E. Lindsell's attention at the Central Magistracy the whole of yesterday afternoon, and was eventually adjourned until Friday at 2.30 p.m. for further hearing.

When the case was resumed in the afternoon, Mr. D. H. Blake who prosecuted in behalf of the Hong Kong Law Society, quotes a number of authorities in support of his case, and then dealt with the wording of the letters sent out by Houghton. In one of these "criminal" proceedings were threatened, and Counsel said that that step would have gone further than any solicitor's letter.

Addressed to Chinese.

Counsel commented that the inference to be drawn from the letter was that the organisation with which Houghton was identified were going to take proceedings themselves. It was to be noted that both these letters were addressed to Chinese, and most Chinese were not so well versed in English that they could tell the difference between an accountant, a debtor, or solicitor. Pang Chau could not speak English at all. He had been sent to Wel-hai-wei where he learned the Shantung dialect and took a material part in training the Chinese police recruits from Shantung. On return he continued duties in the Police Training School until proceeding on home leave about two years ago. Since then he has been Officer in Charge, Hawkers, earning the approbation and respect of the thousands he came in contact with. As a lance-sergeant, he had been in charge of Salkung station in the New Territories.

The Evidence.
Counsel said he had been unable to find any satisfactory definition to the words "practising" or "acting" in connection with the profession of a solicitor, but one of the definitions of "practice" was to work (on some business or occupation), which was a very reasonable and applicable definition.

"To act as" was to perform, or have the character of to do the work of, or to use as.

Dealing with the evidence, Mr. Blake said with regard to the evidence of Chau Kong-chi, despite the discrepancies and difficulties in Chinese interpretation, the statement must be accepted that Houghton did utter the threat of deportation, this being one of the "proceedings" mentioned by Houghton in his letter. That was the kind of threat which would have a strong effect with an ignorant person. Deportation was one of the great fears of Chinese in this Colony and the effect could be judged, particularly when it was coupled with the threat of "criminal proceedings."

This closed the case for the Law Society.

Houghton's Defence.

Houghton, drew the Magistrate's attention to the letter dated January 25, and said that in that letter the intimation was made that the matter would be placed in the hands of solicitors. He advanced this letter as proof that they had no intention to take up the matter at its legal stage in their own hands. To "institute proceedings," Houghton further said, did not necessarily connote that meaning. It included the meaning that the case would be but into the hands of a solicitor.

His Worship pointed out that that letter referred to bore a later date than the ones forming the subject matter of the summonses.

Houghton: Our solicitor, it may interest you to know, is Mr. O'Donoghue, of the same building.

Do you submit that you have no case to answer on the evidence?

Yes.

His Worship: How about the letter of the 18th we are instructed to take criminal proceedings etc.?

Houghton: These are Mr. Suen's words. We had no intention of taking criminal proceedings.

Mr. Blake said it was claimed to be Suen's idea that Pang Chau would not come up unless he was written to in that manner.

Mr. Lindsell: That is no legal argument.

Mr. Blake agreed, but added that, in other words, he would produce a solicitor's letter before Pang Chau came up.

You contribute to any others?

Mr. Lindsell said it was clear that the first summons against Haynes, relating to the letter on January 20, being withdrawn, on the same summons against Houghton.

Do you submit that you have no case to answer on the evidence?

Yes.

His Worship: How is it produced by Mr. Houghton?

Will you forget that you are a newspaper man, forget that you are an Australian Trade Protection man, and put your mentality into that of a more or less illiterate Chinese. What would be the effect of such a letter on you?

Would you not be terrified?

It is just a type of letter, Exhibit B, particularly, which a solicitor would write.

Witness replied that a hundred different men of the illiterate type referred to by Mr. Blake would take the letter in a hundred different ways.

As to the letter itself, witness said that some might think it was a good imitation.

Mr. Blake: Imitation. It is just the very word I would like.

It is particularly, which a solicitor would write.

Witness replied that a hundred

SGT. M. R. DICKSON.

VERY PROMISING POLICE OFFICER.

DIES SUDDENLY.

The "China Mail" records with regret the sudden death of Sergeant (acting Sub-Inspector) M. R. Dickson of the Hong Kong Police at 7.05 last night at the Government Civil Hospital.

It was only on Tuesday that deceased was removed to hospital, after appearing to have been very cheerful during the week-end. He was unconscious on admission and it is not known that he ever regained consciousness. The ailment has not been identified, except that he had a very high temperature and had complained of a very severe headache.

One of the most promising of the younger Police officers, Sergeant Dickson — as he was popularly known to the public and Press — was only thirty years of age. A native of Locke, Dundee, he served in the engineering trade prior to joining the Cameronians during the War and came to Hong Kong after demobilisation.

Fine Police Record.

As a junior officer he had only about eight years' service — deceased occupied several responsible positions. He was on the "reserve" detective office in the Criminal Investigation Department and was then sent to Wel-hai-wei where he learned the Shantung dialect and took a material part in training the Chinese police recruits from Shantung. On return he continued duties in the Police Training School until proceeding on home leave about two years ago. Since then he has been Officer in Charge, Hawkers, earning the approbation and respect of the thousands he came in contact with. As a lance-sergeant, he had been in charge of Salkung station in the New Territories.

The Duke of Montrose, who presided at a farmers' dinner presided over the youngest child think (remarks the "Morning Advertiser"). Female Teacher (who has just read to an infants' class the Biblical story of Joseph and his coat of many colours) — "Now, what sort of garment did Joseph wear?"

Angus (aged six) — "A kilt."

The Duke of Montrose, who presided at a farmers' dinner told a story of Rudyard Kipling. He had met his old friend Rudyard Kipling recently, and when he asked him, "What are you doing now?" Kipling replied, "Oh, trying to farm."

By way of a joke the Duke suggested, "I expect you are making lots of money."

Kipling swung round and exclaimed — "Making money? Why, farming is a blooming farce. It is just keeping little bits of the countryside tidy."

An Irishman of huge proportions was searching the countryside for work. He had no luck until he came to a blacksmith's shop, where the smith was very busy, and asked him if he would care for a job. Getting the Irishman's assent, the blacksmith told him to start right away and — the sledge-hammer.

"Now," said the smith, "I'll take this bar of iron from the fire and place it on the anvil, and when I hit my head hit it hard."

Pat, who wished to make a good impression, used all his strength. The poor smith never nodded again.

His Worship interposing, asked witness: Have you seen the prospectus of the South China Trade Protection Association? — Yes.

Witness then said that the prospectus showed that the business of the South China Trade Protection Association was carried on the same lines as the Australian Association.

Very Much The Same.

Showed the two letters forming the subject matter of the summonses, witness said they were very much the same also, except for the word "criminal" appearing in the first of the two documents. Such a Society must be "instructed" and must have "clients." Without clients, there could be no instructions, according to witness.

In Western Australia, witness had been responsible for similar letters as Secretary of the Association in that State. Apart from the word "criminal" it was a letter which he himself would have written.

Shown by Houghton three other papers, witness agreed that those were standard letters harmonising with letters sent out by the Australian Association.</p

700 TOURISTS.

Arrive On World Cruises To-morrow.

"BELGENLAND" DELAYED.

Coincident Arrival With "Empress Of Australia."

The Red Star liner s.s. "Belgenland," which was due in Hong Kong to-day in the course of her round-the-world cruise, will not arrive here until to-morrow at 6 a.m. Owing to foggy weather the "Belgenland" was a day behind schedule in leaving Shanghai.

The schedule will be altered so far as the departure from Hong Kong is concerned, the tourists leaving here at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, giving five clear days for private "excursions," rides round the island, the New Territories and the Peak, and trips to Canton and Macao.

As the "Empress of Australia" is also due in Hong Kong on Friday in the course of her world cruise, there will be somewhat of an "inundation" of visitors—seven hundred in all, the numbers being equally divided between the two tourist ships.

The "Belgenland," which is the largest steamer to navigate the globe, has called at Hong Kong in previous years on the occasion of round-the-world cruises. This is her fourth voyage round the world, New York having been left on December 14. Three new ports will be visited on this voyage which will take 134 days in all. Bangkok, Athens and Formosa are to be visited and, by arrangement with the Japanese Government the steamer is being allowed to call at the sacred city of Miyajima.

First World Cruise.

Though this is her first world cruise, the "Empress of Australia" is well known on the Pacific, having plied the regular Canadian Pacific "trade" run between Vancouver and Hong Kong until 1926. Built at Stettin in 1913 as the "Tirpitz," the ex-Kaiser planned to rule the world from her wide decks. But she was never completed until after the war, when Great Britain acquired her among other subsidies from Germany and sold her to the Canadian Pacific. The "Empress of Australia" is internationally known for her sumptuous furnishings and spaciousness of her staterooms. Her accommodations are club-like, which means luxurious living. She is 615 feet long, 75 feet wide and has a gross tonnage of 21,865 tons. Passenger accommodation is distributed over seven decks, but owing to the limited, exclusive membership, only six are being used for the cruise.

Prominent Passengers.

Those of the British nobility aboard are the Earl and Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery, the Earl of Rosslyn, Lady Williams-Taylor of Montreal and Sir Elly Kadoorie of Shanghai. Other nobility include Prince Rudolfe de' Drago and Prince Jerome Rospigliosi of Italy, Baron and Baroness d'Poucaucourt of Paris and Count Carl Stromfeld of Sweden.

Passengers on the "Belgenland" include:

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart W. Cramer of Cramerton, N.C. Mr. Cramer is a graduate of Annapolis and room mate there of Secretary of the Navy Wilbur. As a mechanical engineer he equipped most of the cotton mills in the South. For a year he was president of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association. Founder of the town of Cramerton, N.C. C. Cramer has many friends in Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thanhouser and daughter Marie Thanhouser are a large firm magnet in New York and one of the pioneers in the motion picture industry.

Hon. Charles E. Yeater and Mrs. Yeater, Sedalia, Mo. Mr. Yeater was one time governor of the Philippines.

Captain Adrian Zeeder and wife. Captain Zeeder is retired and was one of the best known sea captains of seven seas. He was commander of the Mongolia, Manchuria and the Siberia.

Sig. Juan Marin Balmas, Barcelona, Spain. Large paper manufacturer.

Mr. Clarence H. Coope, president of the Bank of Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simonson, Wilmington, Del. Traffic manager of the Dupont Powder Co., and state senator from Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. McTrath and their daughters, Mildred, Margaret, Charlotte, and Alberta, from Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Ben Marshall, Chicago, with son. He is one of the most noted architects in America and built the Drake Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. McFadden, Washington, D.C. Journalist.

Hal Roach, moving picture producer will join the ship at Hong Kong.

J. A. Cabell of Virginia, cousin of James Branch Cabell.

PEAK GARAGE.

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deration the open space reserved for manoeuvring purposes. Rooms are also being provided for a limited number of chauffeurs. Your Directors feel that this garage will be a great boon to owners of cars at the Peak, and particularly to those who drive their own machines. It is not intended to compete with the established garages in the Colony and no provision has been made for repair shops, but facilities will be arranged for obtaining ordinary supplies.

Court Case Issue.

Last year I referred briefly to the position in regard to the rights of appointment of a successor which the late Sir Paul Chater held in respect of his position of "Permanent and Managing Director" of this Company. I mentioned that we had been advised that the appointments he made were not legal. The position was later tested in court, and judgment given in favour of this Company.

The decision, however, has been appealed against and the appeal will be heard at an early date. As the matter has not yet been finally settled out auditors have desired us to show as a contingent liability the amount involved up to the end of 1927. You will see a note regarding this at the bottom of the balance sheet but I may add that no provision has been made in the accounts.

A New Director.

When Prince's Building was acquired your Directors invited Mr. J. E. Joseph, who was Managing Director of the Prince's Building Company, to join our Board, and his name will come before you today for election. Mr. Joseph has had very considerable experience in property matters and his presence on the Board is of great value to the Company.

Shareholder's Tribute.

Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. W. H. Bell said he did so with very great pleasure. He considered, in view of the very difficult times they had had during the last few years, the accounts were remarkably sound and reflected the highest credit on the management.

Their Chairman, continued Mr. Bell, was leaving the Colony very soon and going to London to take charge there of the interests of Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. In all probability this would be the last occasion on which he would take the chair at the annual meeting of the Company. As head of Jardine Matheson's and as Chairman of their Company, Mr. Bernard had a very great say in the direction of the affairs of the Land Investment Company and in view of the very difficult times through which they had passed, he thought they should congratulate Mr. Bernard on the great success with which he had directed the affairs of the Company (Applause). On behalf of the shareholders, he wished Mr. Bernard a pleasant voyage and holiday; they were confident that when Mr. Bernard resumed work, his efforts would be attended by the same success as they had been in Hong Kong. (Applause).

Mr. Bernard, in reply, thanked Mr. Bell for his kind remarks and the shareholders for the kind manner of their reception. The credit for the management of this Company rested with the Board who studied every matter with great care and any credit was due to the Board as a whole.

Other Business.

Other business included the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. J. E. Joseph as member of the Board, re-election of Mr. A. H. Compton and Sir Robert Ho Tung as directors and re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead & Davis as auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each.

DOESN'T MIND!

ALLEGED PIRATES SENT FOR TRIAL.

The four Chinese charged with being concerned in the recent raid on a cargo junk near Futaiwan were this morning committed to the Criminal Sessions by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

The first three men were charged with taking part in the robbery, whilst in the case of the fourth man, acting Inspector J. Murphy asked for leave to reduce the charge against him to aiding and abetting in the robbery, and being an accessory after the fact. The third man had a further charge against him of having returned from banishment after being sent away for ten years.

After all the accused had been duly cautioned, they were asked if they had any statement to make.

First accused replied: I have not much to say except that I don't mind if I am sent to prison.

The Magistrate remarked that the accused would mind if he were sent to prison.

Second and third accused had nothing to say.

Fourth accused said that he was not a robber but a well-known fisherman in Shaukiwan. His boat was seized whilst he was asleep at Putolho and both he and his father were forced to work for the robbers.

GIRL BITTEN BY DOG.

Mrs. Louisa Castro, a Portuguese girl, residing in 312 Nathan Road, was bitten on the leg by a dog owned by Mr. Edmund of the same address. The dog was sent to Moto-Kok for examination.

HEART OF ASIA.

SVEN HEDIN'S TOUR OF EXPLORATION.

NOW IN SINKIANG.

Stockholm, Yesterday. A telegram has been received here from Sven Hedin, who in the spring of last year set out with a great scientific expedition to explore little known deserts in the heart of Asia.

He stated that he arrived safely in the Hami, Sinkiang, Eastern Turkestan, from Patechow, on the eastern border of the province of Shansi. His ultimate objective is Urumtsi, 350 miles from Hami.

The expedition is composed of Swedish, German and Chinese experts in geography, meteorology and archaeology and is equipped with hundreds of camels. They encountered "enormous difficulties" and were delayed 50 days.—Reuter.

[Note: Urumtsi, which is also spelt Urumchi, is in about Lat. 43° N., Long. 87° 1/2 E. Sinkiang is one of the five divisions of the Chinese Republic, China Proper being another. It adjoins the north-west of China Proper, being on the way towards Central Asia. The expedition has already crossed hundreds of miles and will have to pass over vast expanses of desert and several mountain ranges including the famous Tien Shan, which means "Mountains of Heaven."] —

YUGO-SLAV LOAN.

\$50,000,000 TO BE ISSUED.

ANGLO-AMERICAN SUPPORT.

Belgrade, Yesterday. In connection with the agreement concluded at Belgrade for the new Yugo-Slav stabilisation and public works loan, it is understood that the Anglo-American banking groups concerned have agreed to issue the loan up to \$50,000,000, the first instalment to be \$12,000,000 to be issued before April 1.

The group include Rothschilds, Barings Brothers, Henry Schroeder and Company, Hambrus of London, Blair and Company, the Chase National Bank and the Kuhn Loeb combustion of New York.—Reuter.

AT WASHINGTON.

THE FRENCH FLYERS ARRIVE.

Washington, Yesterday. Costes and Lebréix have arrived and were received by the Secretaries for War and the Navy, Ambassador Claudel, the acting Secretary of State, and many flying officers.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN PRIEST.

SENTENCED TO DEATH BY SOVIET.

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FRANCE & AMERICA.

TEXT OF ARBITRATION TREATY.

Paris, Yesterday.

The text of the Franco-American arbitration treaty has been issued and provides that any dispute when ordinary diplomatic proceedings have failed, shall be referred to the permanent international commission created by the Bryan arbitration treaty of 1914.

Arbitration procedure will not apply to questions falling under the national jurisdiction of either party; secondly, questions affecting the interests of a third power; thirdly, matters depending on or affecting the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine or the observance of France's engagements in conformity with the League Covenant.—Reuter.

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CINEMA NOTES.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS IN "THE GAUCHO."

AMBASSADOR'S TRIBUTE.

Local cinema-goers will be invited to read the following tribute paid to "The Gauchito" by the Ambassador for Spain immediately after seeing the picture.

"I know El Gauchito, the spirit of the character, its meaning—and may I add that besides the picture being most charming, it is, most delightful in its faithfulness, and most convincing in its intelligent handling. Besides its being artistic and picturesque, it is very human. Please accept my congratulations."

"The Gauchito" is a capital story of adventure and romance in South America three generations ago; with Douglas Fairbanks as a bandit chief who pits his wits and strength against a dictator to win both love and treasure.

This entertaining film will be screened at the Queen's Theatre until Saturday. Attention is to be drawn to the special times for performances, namely 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30. The picture begins promptly after the overture.

THE MAN UPSTAIRS.

Written by the author of "Seven Keys to Baldpate" and "The Chinese Parrot," the new picture at the Star Theatre to-day, "The Man Upstairs," offers plenty of thrills and laughs, keeping the audience in suspense until the surprising climax. "The Agony Column" in a daily newspaper brings together two young people in search of romance and adventure. To gratify the young lady's thirst for excitement, the hero creates a mysterious murder for which he is sent to prison! Later it develops that the girl had decided to play a joke on him, and having tested his courage and wits, promises to marry him to atone for her prank. The leading players are Monte Blue and Dorothy Devore, and the supporting cast is an excellent one, including Reinie Conklin, John Roche, and Helen Dunbar.

"BLARNEY."

"Blarney," which comes to the World Theatre to-day as the feature attraction until Saturday, is a stirring romance of the bare knuckle days of prize-fighting. The story itself, which was written by Don Byrne, is considered the classic of the prize ring. Ralph Graves, one of the newest and most interesting of male graduates from comedies, plays the role of Carrabine, while Renee Adoree, noted for her recent work in "The Big Parade," plays the heroine, Peggy Nolan. "Blarney" is a dramatic tale with a backdrop of sporting life in the '20's and scored a sensation on its first appearance as a magazine story, following which it was published in book form.

"TWO ARABIAN KNIGHTS."

According to a special advertisement in this issue, another comedy somewhat on the lines of "Behind the Front" and "We're in The Navy Now" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday to Wednesday. This is "Two Arabian Knights," a comedy of two soldiers who escape from prison camp, and after many adventures, ultimately arrive in Arabia. There follows a series of comic adventures surrounding the private's courtship with an Emir's daughter. The leading players are William Boyd, popular screen star, Louis Wolheim, the original "Captain Flagg" of the stage play, "What Price Glory?" and Mary Astor, leading lady for Douglas Fairbanks in "Don Q." and John Barrymore in "Beau Brummel."

ALCOHOL DEATHS.

NEARLY 100 VICTIMS IN U.S. HOLIDAYS.

New York, Dec. 23.

Reports received in Washington from all parts of the country indicate a great decline in Christmas drinking this year. Less alcohol has been consumed than at any previous Christmas since prohibition became law. It is believed that this is due primarily to a growing fear of poisoned bootleg whisky.

Only seven deaths are reported in New York and a similar number in Chicago due to liquor. The total death-roll throughout the country is estimated at fewer than 100.

Mr. Doran, the prohibition commissioner, announces that the Government has rescinded the order to put a certain substance in industrial alcohol in order to prevent its use as a beverage, because the substance is a poison. Another substance, which is unpalatable but harmless, will be substituted.

There were fifty deaths from drinking poisoned alcohol or "undrinkable cocktails" reported during the Christmas holidays last year in the cities of New York, Chicago, and Detroit. An official investigation was promised concerning the allegation that poison was used by the Government to make alcohol undrinkable.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Divens, of Jardine, Matheson & Co., who passed away from pneumonia at Wuhan at the age of 49.

Dr. George Selott, U. S. District Attorney, Shanghai, proposes to leave for America to conduct the prosecution of Mr. Leonard G. Husar, formerly U. S. District Attorney there, who was convicted last year on a charge of bribery involving \$14,000 and sentenced to a term in the Federal prison at McNeil's Island. Mr. Husar's appeal is set for March 20 in the Appellate Court of San Francisco.

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SPORTS

RECORD CARNIVAL?

New Features at Annual Meeting.

THE "TOTE" AND CASH SWEEP.

Red Light Signal For Early Closure.

Every indication points to next week's local racing carnival in Hong Kong being a record success.

The "old" ponies are "known" but the subscription griffins and the Derby griffins this year are of a better class than those of 1927. The times recorded during training have been very good, and it is more difficult to pick the winners of the classic events than has been the case for years past.

One gathers that there are no "dead certs" and any one of a dozen ponies, at least, is capable of creating a sensation. It is anticipated that "fields" will be generally large in most, if not all, of the events, and this will make the racing all the more interesting for the followers of the "sport of kings."

Chances Open.

Appropriately enough, a pony in the "King" stable is being looked to by many to put them in "easy street" after the big event of the meeting.

What is more interesting in connection with the big events—the Derby and Champions—is that the good ponies are fairly evenly divided, at least, five stables having not less than a couple of "possibilities" amongst their strings. This will make both the Derby and the Champions more "open" events, instead of confining them to races between two stables as was the case last year.

Needless to say, this is appreciated by those who like racing for its own sake; because of the added interest and excitement which uncertainty brings to the big events. Those who like long odds will, of course, be in their element with such open fields, whilst followers of form will stand a better chance of securing big dividends. Hence everybody is keen with anticipation.

Everything considered, this year's races bid fair to be the biggest success in many years.

The Jockeys.

In the matter of jockeys, most of the "cracks" will be in the saddle. As already reported, Mr. H. Maitland, Mr. A. J. P. Heard and Mr. V. M. Haimovitch arrived this week to ride respectively for Mr. Dunbar, Messrs. Hynes and Mackie, and Mr. Dynasty. Mr. Pote-Hunt is hard to wear the colours of the "Eve" stable, whilst other riders who are also here are Mr. G. A. Harriman and Mr. T. L. Wong. Mr. Harriman, who has been absent from Hong Kong for a few years, rode here before, and has secured mounts from the C.T.C. stable's "Stag" string of ponies. All these jockeys are already training with their mounts in the mornings, and both ponies and riders are rapidly getting "acquainted."

Other locally known jockeys who are expected here just before the race meeting are Mr. E. A. Brodie and Mr. K. H. Chan. It is understood that the former has stopped over at Shanghai for the racing at the Chinese course this week and will take ship for Hong Kong immediately afterwards.

A new rider who is expected to make his debut in Hong Kong is Prew of the Dollar Co. who is understood to be making arrangements to come down. In addition to the jockeys, most of the local riders will, of course, be riding at the annual meeting.

New "Tote" Features.

Arrangements for Hong Kong Jockey Club members and the public will be the same as formerly in the Club's enclosure at the race course, and prices of admission to the public stand also remain unchanged.

As in former years, there will be a pari-mutuel and the cash sweeps.

At the coming race meeting, the pari-mutuel will be closed after the first pony enters the course instead of being open up to the start of the race as formerly. Two minutes before the closure, red lights will be switched on at both the name boards and pari-mutuel, and will remain "on" until "closing time" in each race.

Cash Sweeps As Well.

Similar arrangements have been made with regard to the cash sweeps, the sale of which will be closed after the first bell. This is in order to give ample time for the drawing and the number of tickets sold on each pony to be posted before each race is over.

An innovation this year is the Jockey Club's selling lotteries at

LOCAL DERBY.

HEIR APPARENT STILL FAVOURITE.

LATEST "BAROMETER."

Hair Apparent is still favourite for the local Derby, which will be run on next Tuesday. Peck and November are next in demand. The latest "barometer," based on Mr. Frank Haytor's quotations, follows:

9/2	Peck.
6/1	Pickle.
6/1	Harlene.
50/1	Moyanagher.
100/1	U Un II.
55/1	Blackstone Hall.
50/1	Guild Hall.
50/1	Manor Hall.
25/1	Duke of Verona.
65/1	Young Pretender.
6/1	Sitting Bull.
20/1	Bakers Bay.
50/1	Coos Bay.
65/1	Deepwater Bay.
14/1	Monterey Bay.
60/1	Captain.
7/1	New Year's Eve.
100/16	Boxing Eve.
50/1	Mish Mish.
9/2	November.
65/1	Handsome Stag.
7/1	Winsome Stag.

HOME SOCCER.

SCOTTISH CUP, 3RD ROUND DRAW.

MANY LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, Yesterday. The draw for the third round of the Scottish F.A. Cup, to be played on Feb. 18, results as follows:

Celtic v. Alloa.
St. Mirren v. Partick.
Dundee v. Dunfermline.
Hibernians v. Falkirk.

Albion v. Airdrie.
King's Park v. Rangers.
Kilmarnock v. Queen's Park.
Hearts v. Motherwell.—Reuter.

Second Round Replays.

London, Yesterday. Replays in the 2nd round today resulted:

Raith 1, Motherwell 2.
Dundee 1, Dundee United 0.

—Reuter.

THE LEAGUE.

Many Mid-Week Matches Played.

London, Yesterday. Principal league football matches played to-day (home team mentioned first) resulted:

Division I: Aston Villa 3, Burnley 1.

Division III (North): Crewe 3, Rotherham 2.

Scottish League: Cowdenbeath 1, Clyde 1; Partick 3, Hibernians 0; St. Johnstone 1, Dunfermline 1; Hearts 9, Falkirk 3; Aberdeen 2, Hamilton 0; Airdrie 0, Kilmarnock 2; Boness 2, Queen's Park 0.—Reuter.

NAVY ON TOP.

SIM SHIELD HOCKEY MATCH.

TOURNAMENT NEAR END.

Once more the Royal Navy have a lead of two points in the Sim Shield Hockey tournament, thanks to defeating the Hong Kong Hockey Club at the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, yesterday, by 4 goals to nil.

As will be seen from the table, the Navy are 2 points ahead of the Army who, however, have a match in hand. Incidentally, the Navy have completed their fixtures.

The Army have to play return with the Royal Air Force and as the former have already won once, they are likely to tie the senior service again. Goal average does not count and a play-off may then be necessary. The other remaining fixture is between the Air Force and the Club to decide the wooden spoon issue.

Blank First Half.

Yesterday's match was hotly contested at a fast pace. After beating off all onslaughts in the first half, the Club failed to stay the pace and their defence was beaten four times. Lt. Macken-drick scored two and Lt. Sladen the other two. Table to date follows:

Goals.

Royal Navy	6	5	1	24	6	10
The Army	5	4	1	16	9	8
H.K. Hockey Club	5	1	4	7	20	2
Royal Air Force	4	0	4	4	16	0

Volunteer Headquarters at 6.30 p.m., to-day and to-morrow, and on the Tuesday of next week, before the Championships—a free dinner for members and their friends will be held at the same place at 8 p.m., to be followed by a drawing which is timed to start at 9.15 p.m.

An innovation this year is the Jockey Club's selling lotteries at

ENGLAND LOSES.

BATTING COLLAPSES AGAIN.

FIFTH TEST RESULT.

England lost the Fifth and last Test Match in South Africa by eight wickets.

Once again the batting collapsed. Bissell's analysis in England's 2nd innings was 7 wickets for 25 runs!

Rain fell overnight and the weather was overcast, when the

HONOURS EVEN.

Each Side Wins Two Matches.

Rugby, Yesterday. Of the five Test matches, South Africa and England each won two and one was drawn.—British Wireless Service.

England won the first and third, South Africa the fourth and fifth.

fourth day's play began yesterday at Durban, says Reuter. The wicket had been covered during the night and continued to play fast. There was only a moderate attendance.

At the resumption, England were 20 runs behind, with 9 wickets in hand. By the lunch interval, the deficit had been wiped out, the score then being 89 runs for 4 wickets, i.e., 59 runs had been added but 3 more wickets had been taken. England were now 39 runs on with 6 wickets in hand.

After Lunch Collapse.

After lunch, the remaining 6 wickets fell and only 29 runs had been added. England's 2nd in-

nings' total was 118.

South Africa hit off the required

runs, 69, for the loss of two

wickets and thus won by eight wickets. Scores:

England: 1st innings 282 runs (Sutcliffe 51, Tyldesley 100, Hammond 66; Nupen 5 wks. for 83 runs).

South Africa: 1st innings 382 runs for 7 wickets, declared (Catterall 119).

England: 2nd innings 118 runs (Bissett 7 wks. for 29 runs).

South Africa: 2nd innings 69 runs for 2 wickets.

Total ... 156

Bowling Analysis.

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

CHARLES DE COSTER.

CELEBRATION OF
CENTENARY.

For many weeks Belgium has been celebrating the centenary of the founder of that section of Belgian literature expressed in French, Charles De Coster, whose name must be associated with those of Maeterlinck and Verhaeren as one of the most prominent representatives of Belgian literature.

The popularity of the author of "Thyl Ulenspiegel" has been growing steadily since the end of the nineteenth century, when Camille Lemonnier and his disciples protested vehemently against the indifference of the Belgian public to the works of De Coster, whom they hailed as the forerunner of their movement, and as the first author able to express the spirit of the country in an original work entirely independent of French influences. This enthusiasm was entirely justified. As M. Camille Huysmans, Minister of Science and Arts, showed in a recent speech, De Coster may be considered as the greatest "Flemish writer," in spite of the fact that he never wrote a line in the Flemish language and that both his father and mother were of Walloon extraction (De Coster was the name of his adopted father).

Flemish Genius.

There has not yet been produced in the Flemish language any prose work which expresses more adequately than "Ulenspiegel" the genius of the Flemish race, its heroism, tenacity, and somewhat broad humour. Those who have read the abridged version, in Mr. Whitworth's translation, or read Mr. Atkinson's complete translation, published five years ago, will remember that De Coster's strange epic is based on the traditional story connected with "Thyl Ulenspiegel," or "Tyl Owlsglass," a familiar character of mediaeval folklore in Northern Europe, whose pranks and practical jokes delighted our forefathers. The scene is staged in Flanders, during the religious wars of the sixteenth century. Having sown his wild oats after the manner of his namesake, De Coster's hero is converted to a more serious way long after the death of his father who falls a victim of the Inquisition. He becomes one of the principal agents of William the Silent and the champion of the independence of the Belgian provinces. One day, as he was asleep, his enemies attempted to bury him, while Nele, the Flemish girl who accompanies her lover through his wanderings, was looking on, distraught with grief, but "suddenly there was a great upheaving under the soil, and Ulenspiegel, sneezing and shaking the sand out of his hair, seized the cure by the throat:

"Inquisitor," said he, "thou dost thrust me into the earth alive in my sleep. Where is Nele? Hast thou buried her, too? Who art thou?"

Frightened Cure.

The cure cried out: "The Great Beggar returneth into this world, Lord God, receive my soul," and he took to flight like a stag before the hounds... The Burgomaster and the Aldermen, holding their ears with fright, were whimpering on the turf. Ulenspiegel went up to them, and shaking them:

"Can any bury," said he, "Ulenspiegel, the spirit, and Nele, the heart of Mother Flanders? She, too, may sleep, but not die. Come, Nele." And he went forth with her, singing his sixth song, but no man knoweth where he sang the last one of all.

Genius And Circumstance.

De Coster's centenary would have been under any circumstances the occasion of important celebrations, for present-day Belgium is eager to show her

ACCORDING TO JILL.

"According to Jill," Nora K. Strange, Stanley Paul, 7s. 6d.

On her twenty-first birthday Jill's eccentric father died and an old friend of the family proposed to her. The estate to which she was heiress did not realise anything like the amount she expected and Jill was left with three hundred a year and some old furniture. She accepts the proposal but later it is broken and she goes out in the world to earn a living as a black and white artist. A friend, Gertrude Hill, helps her to settle down and then she proceeds to live an ordinary life across which several meteoric events flash.

Each chapter represents an incident serious or amusing and each chapter is most interesting. This is quite a modern book to judge from the number of Jill's friends who are divorced, being divorced, or thinking of divorce. Perhaps this aspect of modern life is rather over-emphasized, but as Miss Strange makes everyone live happily ever after a new complexion is put upon the matter.

After several love affairs Jill marries Bernard Latimer, the old family friend, and she realises her happiness.

A very good book for an afternoon in front of a fire.

CHIT-CHAT.

Books on how to succeed in life are fairly common, but none contains more solid, good sense than "18 Tips on Luck," by Herbert N. Casson (Angus and Robertson's Cornstalk Co.). The volume explains why some folk are lucky and some are not, and in the process of doing so instils some valuable lessons. Some idea of the sound sense of it may be gained from just one quotation:—"If you want to be lucky, you must play your own game. You must live your own life, in spite of gossip, and bullying, and poverty, and opposition. You must set out to do something worth while; and keep on doing it—that is one of the best ways that I have ever found to be both happy and prosperous."

Mr. John Masefield is to give us another of his famous adventure stories in "The Midnight Folk," the story of a boy who lived in an old house that had been the home of one Captain Harker, who was reputed to have hidden, near his home, treasure stolen from Santa Barbara Cathedral. Mr. Masefield is a master of the adventure story for grown-ups. The book is being published by Messrs. Heinemann.

Yet another book of London's East End has been written by Mr. Thomas Burke. His latest book, "East of Mansion House," is to be published by Cassell.

"Eve," the distinguished humorist of "Punch," has been giving his mind to the greatness of England, and in "I'll Tell the World," published by Messrs. Chatto and Windus, he mischievously explains to American visitors English characteristics, English games, and gives a list of phrases to be used by American guests on town or country visits. Morrow, the artist, helps "Eve" to give his message to the world.

"Roamin' in the Glomin'" one of Sir Henry Lauder's most famous songs, is the title he has chosen for the story of his life, to be published by Messrs. Hutchinson. Sir Harry has a lively sense of the dramatic, and his life has been a full one. His reminiscences will include stories of many distinguished people.

gratitude to the man of genius whose work and influence did so much to give the country an independent literature; but the memories of the recent war and of German occupation have no doubt served to heighten the importance of the event. Ulenspiegel's last words have indeed assumed a prophetic meaning.

PLEASANT PEOPLE.

WHAT A. C. BENSON
WROTE ABOUT.

Mr. A. C. Benson was a novelist who wrote of pleasant, cultured people. If disasters came upon them they were not catastrophic, the happy ending was to be depended upon, yet at the same time from these sheltered lives he drew a lesson which hid beneath it a fine philosophy of life. His last posthumous novel, "Crossage" (Heinemann, 7s. 6d. net), is the story of a country house; of the old squire who flung his money away, and of the young man who made good. What the young man had been, what was expected of him, and what he eventually achieved, is indicated in the passage between Walter Garnet, the Squire's son, the Vicar and the Vicar's wife, which we quote.

One can imagine the author's quiet chuckle as he reveals the fine ideals of honour as he reveals the practical wisdom of his wife. The Vicar says:—

Young Squire and Vicar.

But my own task is rather to inquire into the spiritual significance of the affair. The inner spirit with which you regard it, whether you are conscious of the hand of God in all this, whether you apprehend the purpose of His chastening, whether you have determined to make the most of this opportunity of suffering—this is what I would be assured of! You will, I know, acquit me of any mean or personal iniquitiveness.

"My mother," said Walter, "has been brought up in the use of wealth; I myself have never had to trouble about money or position; and I find my mother suddenly impoverished, while I myself have lost my imagined fortune, my standing, and the old family inheritance has all been swept away. I simply try not to think of it. Such things do happen in the world, but for me to pretend that I consider it a dispensation of mercy and love, would be the worst sort of hypocrisy. I submit, because I must."

"But have you reflected, my dear Walter," said Mr. Goring, "how all these vain shows and false securities can enter into the soul? This trial is meant, I make no doubt at all, to be an act of love to save you from conspiracy and indifference, to bring out what is best in you, to make you depend upon yourself, to win your own worthy place in the world, rather than to inherit the effortless dignity of your forefathers. Your temptation has been towards idle dreaming and self-pleasing—though I admit you have led, so far as I know, an upright life, and have shown yourself a kind and loving son."

A Fortuitous Affair.

"I see your point," said Walter, "but it all seems to me a fortuitous affair. There are plenty of landowners that retain their estates. There are even clergymen who live in considerable comfort without these ugly reverses. I don't see why it should fall upon me, and still less upon my mother, who is one of the most guileless and generous people I know."

"You wound me," said Mr. Goring. "I have often thought that my own comfort has been a grievous obstacle to my spiritual work. But let us not diverge. It has come to you, I have no doubt, because you have the seeds of nobleness in your soul. You can rise to great heights if these seeds are not choked by worldly prosperity. Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth. If I am myself unchastened it is because I am not worthy of His love."

"Don't feel like this about your self," Walter said. "I do know what you and Mrs. Goring do for the place; and I will not forget what you say. There is something within, though I cannot look at it so; I must go forward with what courage I can. I admit that if I could feel sure that there was any personal intention behind my misfortunes it would make a great difference. But honestly I do not. It seems to me just bad luck, though I am perfectly clear that I have got to make the best of it."

BRINGING UP FATHER.

WELL SHE WAS HALF RIGHT.

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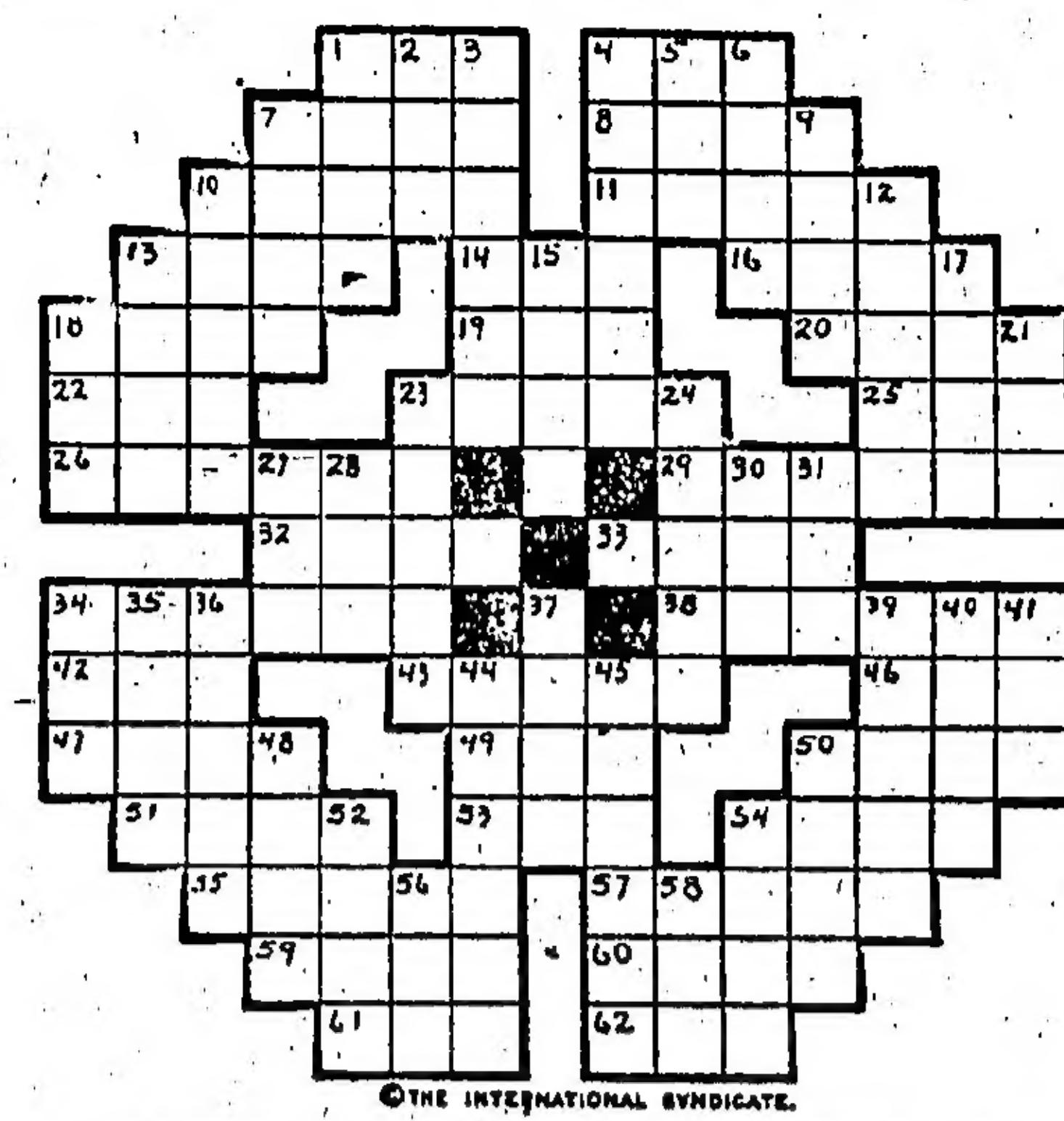
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Earthware vessel	15-Upright
4-French cottage unit (pi-abbr.)	17-Two of a kind
7-Study in silence	18-Quick sound
8-Praise highly	21-Knowledge
10-Ascended	22-Fetter
11-What are the chief mountains of South America?	24-Occurring among the first in a series
12-Multitude	27-Article
14-Attempt	28-Sailor
15-Cutting from a plant for grafting	30-Girl's name
18-Bulk	31-A beverage
19-Falsehood	33-Find the sum of
20-Hole letting in water	35-Garden north
22-Ba removed	36-Vital organ
23-Cavity set around with crystals (mining)	37-Librato from arrest
24-Rival	39-An order for money
25-Pleasing	40-A compass point
26-Behind a chip	41-Stein or cedar
32-To possess	45-Pure in style
33-Comfortable with fact	46-Widow
34-Stick fast	48-Legless
35-Separated by leads, 13-24th part of a day	50-Invertebrate crawling animal
	52-Expensive
	53-Trust
	55-Crafty
	56-Prefix. New

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

R	E	P	R	O	S	E	N	T	
H	O	R	S	E	O	B	O	E	S
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S	R	E	E	R	E	R	O	S	S
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"Walter told her. She listened, poking with her stick at the interstices of the tiles. 'Yes, I see,' she said, 'and of course it is all very grimly put; thus good people always run their theories too hard. They demand a consistency from life, perhaps from God, which one can't get. It isn't a mechanical affair, like the tide and the sunset. There is a personal force behind the world—at least I think so—which ebbs and flows just as we do. You have been cuddled and wrapped up, and there must be a lot of good stuff behind for you to have come out of it a reasonable person at all. And I do honestly think it gives you a big chance. What you needed was to be thrown into the sea and made to swim. You haven't gone to the bad, you are perfectly sound and straight, but you are still entangled in some of these cobwebs; you must step out, make friends, give yourself away, blunder, tumble; I don't care what happens so long as you can find yourself. The danger was that you would be helplessly shut up in yourself, as you were, you know, dear Walter. You didn't trust anybody, you looked down on simple people, you followed your

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BORSTAL.

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
TONE.**

FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.

Borstal, which to millions of people is just a music-hall joke, was twenty-five years ago a grim convict prison in Kent between Chatham and Rochester, built on high ground which slopes towards the Medway, writes H. V. Morton. A little over twenty years ago a band of boys chained together like desperate murderers was halted before the gates of Borstal, the girl was shot back, and the warder regarded the miserable little group with more than ordinary interest, for here was a new bee in the bonnet of the Prison Commissioners. If warders could conceivably make a joke he might have asked: "Have you brought your nurses with you?" or he might have snapped, "Turn sharp left for the Savoy Hotel," because it had been ordered for the first time in the history of crime and punishment that the young offender was to have no contact with the old offender.

LITTLE CONVICTS.

In those hard days it must have seemed an amazing piece of softness. Special cells were allotted to the boys, badly lit and dreary gaol clothes were issued to them, and to all appearances they were little convicts with this difference: they never met the old hand, they never listened to his vainglorious stories; they never had the chance to hero-worship a distinguished criminal.

That, twenty years ago, was the beginning of Borstal. Just an experiment. In 1908 Parliament recognised the scheme, and from that day onwards the Borstal system has grown, developed, separated itself from the prison regime, and taken a front place in State idealism.

I found the gates of Borstal wide open. A company of lads in football shorts and jerseys, with spades on their shoulders, marched smartly out towards the farmland. They were the same type which I had seen under observation at Wandsworth Prison, but now vastly different in physique and expression. The pasty pallor had gone from their faces; their narrow chests were expanded by hard work and games; they walked with an erect, soldierly swing. They were as hefty and healthy a band of lads as you will see anywhere in England.

MASTER'S QUESTION.

A man in a tweed coat and flannel trousers strolled across the courtyard. One look labelled him as a public school man. He was, I gathered, a master. He touched a boy on the shoulder:

"How are you getting on, Jones?"

"All right, sir."
"Heard from home lately?"
"Last week, sir."

"How's your brother?"
"Getting better, sir."

The conversation struck the key-note of Borstal. It is not a prison; it is not, on the surface, a reformatory, it is more like an agricultural and industrial college run on public school lines. There are no uniforms in Borstal. The masters and assistant masters wear uniform. There are no jingling keys, and nothing to remind a boy of the police force. His masters are University and public school men who, in spite of me, imagine slender worldly prospects, have flung themselves into this work with missionary zeal.

"We try," said the Governor, Dr. Methven, "to create the public school spirit and to rouse a keen sense of house rivalry in work and play."

He explained, as we walked across the transformed prison square, that the 400 odd boys in Borstal are split up into four houses—four gaunt, yellow brick, barrack-like buildings which face each other across the square. The houses of Borstal are Blake's Eccles', Windle's and Rich's named after the late Major Blake, Governor of Pentonville, Captain Eccles and Dr. Windle past governors of Borstal, and Colonel Rich governor of Liverpool Prison.

As I looked at these "houses," the thought ran through my head that perhaps two cat burglars, meeting unexpectedly on a water-pipe, might whisper, "Hello, weren't you at Eton?" and the scornful reply, "No; I played centre forward for Blake's!" but I banished this cynical and unworthy thought and entered Blake's.

KIT INSPECTION.

On the ground floor the boys take their meals at tables scrubbed white. Upstairs is the long dormitory. There was a kit inspection that day. Each boy's clothes brushes, towels, razor, soap, spare boots etc., were neatly set out at the foot of his comfortable bed. He has his own locker. He is permitted a family picture gallery.

The pictures with which these lads, locked away from the community for two and three years, cheer themselves in their captivity are of brothers and sisters, dogs sometimes a man who is evidently father and invariably a woman who is mother. They save up the picture postcards sent to them from time to time, and the greatest sin against the community in Borstal is for a boy to interfere with the family portraits of another exiled.

DOG TIRED.

"When they go to bed," explained Dr. Methven, "they are so dog-

IT PAYS!

**NEWSPAPER COLUMNS FOR
ADVERTISERS.**

BIGGER TURNOVER.

Newspaper advertising will be greater in volume than ever in 1928," said Sir Charles Higham, in an address at the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.

"Retailers are buying more space than ever in the advertising columns of the newspapers, many of them realising for the first time that this is the cheapest method of profitably increasing turnover."

"The Government has found Press advertising very profitable also. During the last three years that they have advertised the British Industries Fair, it has grown fast—in fact, this year's Fair is nearly twice the size of the Fair four years ago."

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MINERS' M.P.'S.

**REDUCTION OF £50 IN SALARY
ACCEPTED.**

It was officially announced recently, when the Executive of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain met in London, that the miners' representatives in Parliament had agreed to forego £50 each from the salaries paid them by the federation.

The decision followed an interview between the officials of the executive and the representatives of the miners' parliamentary group, and was made in view of the depression in the coalfields.

Mr. A. J. Cook, the miners' secretary, in making the announcement, said:—

"Representatives of the Miners' Federation in Parliament receive a salary £650 plus £10 for incidental expenses. After a sympathetic interview with members of the miners' group it has been decided that the salaries of the members representing the miners shall be reduced to £600, plus the £10 for incidental expenses."

tired that they just fall asleep. A master parades the dormitory all night. We watch carefully for the boy who might infect others, and we mark him down."

"What is your main difficulty when these boys come to you fresh from their escapades?"

"They have no discipline. They cannot settle to anything. They have never been ordered about. They have been in the habit of pleasing themselves from their earliest years, staying out late, going home when they wanted to, leaving work if they got weary of it. This is their first meeting with discipline, and they hate it for two or three months."

A REAL REBEL.

We saw a real bad lad at work. A genuine rebel. He was standing in an enclosed yard breaking flint with a long iron rod. His foot was not so good as that of the others. He was still unrepentant. He still refused to work, so all day long he faced the pile of flint, as hard as his heart, and pounded away at it hour after hour.

"Most of them give in before they have finished the pile," said the Governor. "It is the only thing to break down their rebellion. After a bit they recognise that there is something more important in life than their own personal desires, and they, in most cases, buckle to and enjoy their work."

The play of Borstal consists of football and hockey, cricket and other games. There are sixteen football teams. There is a library. Two boys now in Borstal will read nothing but Henry James! How they acquired this taste is a mystery which even Dr. Methven cannot explain! The work of Borstal consists of various technical classes and farm work.

The farm is interesting. Borstal produces its own wheat, its own milk and dairy produce, its own vegetables.

FAT STOCK.

There is a shoeing forge in which boys shoe the remarkably fine Dartmoor horses; there are cow-sheds and piggeries, containing at the moment two enormous beasts which, it is hoped, will carry off the prize at the Rochester Fat Stock Show.

The five technical sheds are fitted with lathes and other machines from the War Disposals Board. Here classes of boys carry out Government contracts and at the same time learn a number of trades.

The essence of the Borstal treatment is this: It is assumed that, no matter how bad a boy may have been, there is still something decent in him. That assumed decency is appealed to every day. He is on trust not to do certain things. He is on his honour to stand by his masters, his pals, and to respect himself.

"You know," said Dr. Methven, as I was leaving, "there is something good in every bad boy if you can only get at it. It sometimes lies deep down in him, and you have to fight to reach it. But it is there."

"That, in a few words, is Borstal."

NOT "MIXERS."

**OBSERVATIONS FROM
OXFORD.**

AMERICANS SHINE.

Generalisations are usually unsafe, but had I wished to generalise with safety I should have said that Americans at Oxford mix with the English undergraduates better than the English do with one another.

But an American Rhodes scholar, Mr. John W. Chase, has now spoiled my chance of saying this; for he says the absolute opposite. I see quoted from a New York paper the remark, "American students who are Rhodes scholars at Oxford do not mix with the English students there."

During my three years at Oxford there have been six American Rhodes scholars in my college, and I have been surprised to notice how they mix with all the men of their year, while many Englishmen do not even find out the names of all the men.

The reason for this, I learn from one of my American friends, was that all Americans had drummed into them the idea of equality, so they became acquainted with everybody. An Englishman, I was told, made perhaps four real friends, while the average American had no time to make a real friend; he was too busy with his acquaintances.

It must be confessed that the English public school man at Oxford does not mix well with the grammar school men. This is not due to snobishness. It is due to natural timidity and lack of understanding.

I once said to M., a man I know very well: "What do you think of C.?" (C. was an extremely delightful man who came from a grammar school).

M. replied: "I like him all right, but I have not spoken to him very much. I asked him to tea when he first came up. He came, but I never asked him back, so I naturally concluded that he did not wish to know me."

I pointed out to M. that perhaps C. could not afford to ask him back. This did not appear to have struck him before, so from a lack of understanding about C. he had developed a timidity with regard to him and actually generalised this into a fear of all who came from grammar schools.

Naturally, C. had pretty much the same feeling about M., which he had developed into a feeling about all public school men. The result is extremely deplorable—public school cliques and grammar school cliques. That is the state of affairs that seems to me to destroy one of the real aims of Oxford—to get rid of cliquishness.

The best means of destroying this nuisance I have considered to be the Americans: they act as leaven. They recognise no cliques, and very often they prove the means of breaking them down. By a Member of the Staff of "Isis."

NOT AN AGENT.

**STORY OF A TAILOR IN
MANILA.**

Down Manila way where the climate has an inclination to sort of make people take things for granted without troubling to investigate, the good people of the city were startled recently to learn that a Shankhalander, one Joe Sussman, ex-soldier, was wanted by the Secret Service authorities of Manila; that he was strongly suspected of being an agent of the Soviet government; that he had arrived in Manila from Shanghai as a stowaway one U. S. S. Chayton, and that he was evading arrest.

Newspapers carried the story that an ex-soldier was sought as a Red and that he was playing a game of hide-and-seek with the authorities. Manila was quite stirred up over the story and in the clubs and bars Sussman was denounced as a rabid Red.

Quite by chance the story reached the ears of Sussman himself. Promptly he reported to the Secret Service headquarters and gave those surprised officers a bit of information.

Among other things it was learned that:

1.—Sussman is a law-abiding Jewish-American tailor.

2.—He did not stow away on the Chayton.

3.—He is not a Red and has never had any connections whatsoever with the Soviet government.

4.—He had never heard of the arms ship Praga.

5.—He is peaceful, courteous and gentlemanly and is not engaged in any Bolshevik propaganda in the Islands.

6.—He went to Manila for the purpose of opening a navy tailoring establishment.

Sussman lived in Shanghai a number of years and is well and favourably known to navy men here. At one time he worked on the U. S. S. Pittsburgh and later served as an oiler on the Dollar liner "President Madison."

Asked if he was an agent of the Soviet government, Sussman gestured with his arms and replied: "Of what foolishness."

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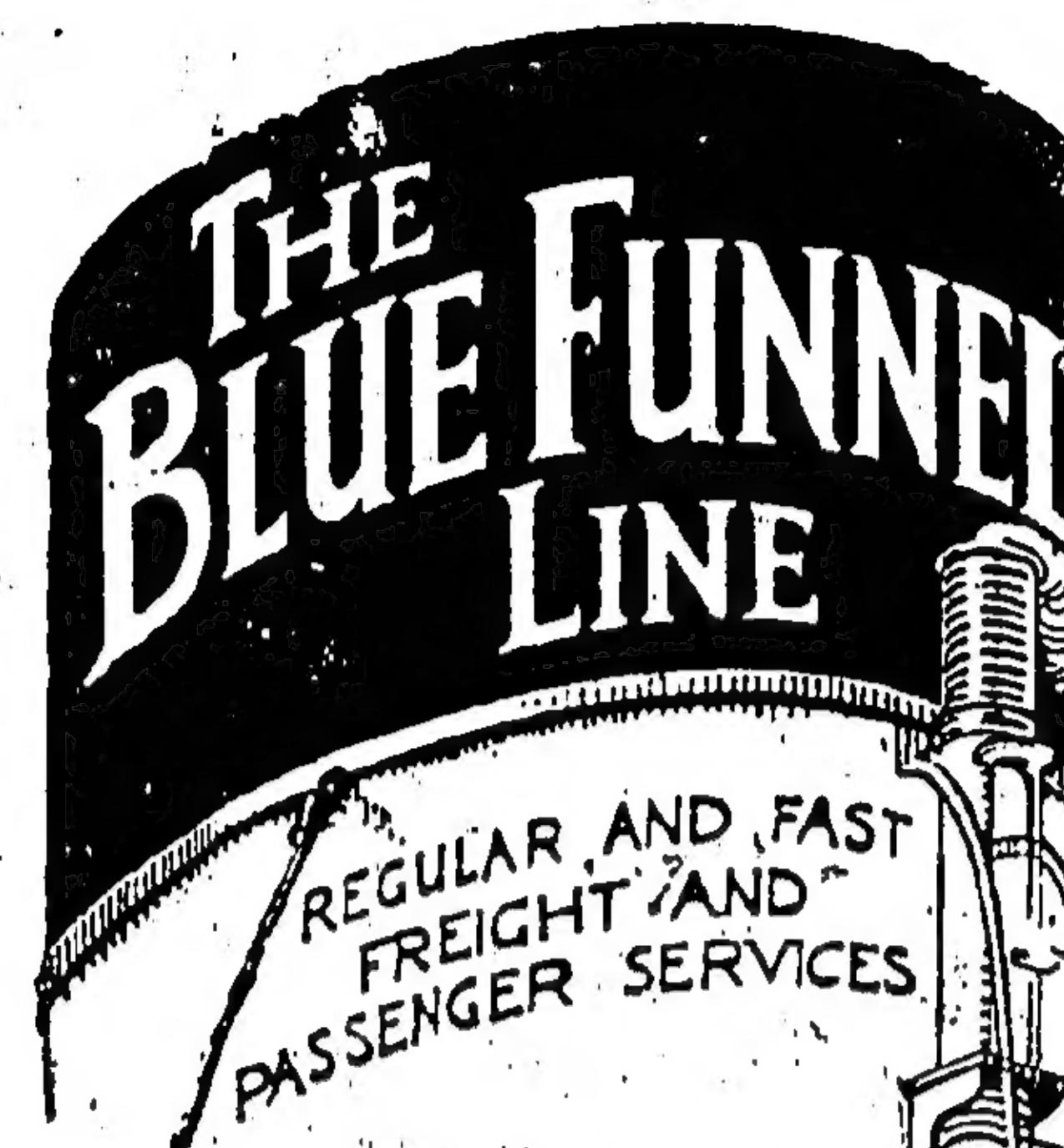
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COMMONS' RESOLUTION.

Labour Amendment For A Select Committee Defeated.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, on the motion of Mr. Baldwin, a resolution was passed in favour of petitioning the King to direct that a monument be erected to the public charge in memory of the late Earl Haig with an inscription paying tribute to his illustrious career and devoted services. A Labour amendment moved by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in favour of the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the most fitting form of a national memorial to Earl Haig, "in view of his known concern for the comfort and welfare of ex-Service men and their widows and dependants," was defeated by 220 votes to 103.—Reuter.

STORMS IN JAPAN.

DAMAGE TO MANY SHIPS.

FISHERMEN KILLED.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Violent snowstorms in Northern Japan have caused a number of deaths, damage to shipping and a general disruption of communications.

The wrecks include eight motor boats, which capsized off the Hokkaido coast. The bodies of 13 fishermen have been washed ashore and many others are believed to have been drowned.—Reuter.

CIVIL RESEARCH.

PREMIER'S REQUESTS TO COMMITTEE.

London, Yesterday. The Prime Minister has asked the Committee of Civil Research to consider the operation and effects of the present restrictions on rubber exports and to consider whether the restrictions should be left unchanged, modified or removed, also to submit recommendations, regarding the policy to be adopted and the steps to give effect thereto.

The committee's proceedings and report will be confidential; in the meantime the existing scheme will remain unchanged pending the consideration of the Committee's report.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC SERVICE.

COMDR. BURNLEY'S AIR SCHEME.

Washington, Yesterday. Commander Burnley's London and New York air service scheme was discussed by the Cabinet, who instructed Mr. Hoover to investigate as to means towards assisting American interests desiring to participate therein.

The Navy is prepared to allow airships the use of the landing mast in New Jersey.—Reuter's American Service.

[A Reuter telegram, dated London, January 12, stated: Comdr. Burnley, M.P., has sailed for New York to discuss with American financiers the establishment of a tri-weekly Anglo-American air service.]

AIR ATTACK.

RELIEF OF MEXICAN TROOPS.

Mexico City, Yesterday. Federal guardsmen aboard a train between Guadalajara and Manzanillo were hard pressed by attacking revolutionaries, who had succeeded in dynamiting a passenger coach, when Federal aeroplanes swooped down and bombed the rebels.

The latter scattered leaving 14 killed. Four Federalists were injured.—Reuter.

VOTE OF CENSURE.

NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT RESIGNING.

Oslo, Yesterday. Parliament by 86 votes to 63 carried a Radical vote of censure against the Government which is consequently resigning.—Reuter.

NO PROGRESS.

Germany and Russian Trade.

UNFAIR METHODS.

Despite Big Credit Business Not Improved.

Berlin, Yesterday. In spite of the £15,000,000 credit guaranteed by the German Government with the object of stimulating Russo-German trade, the expected improvement therein did not materialise last year. Numerous complaints have been made by Germans of unfair Russian business methods and violations of the Russo-German commercial treaty.

For the purpose of clearing up various points in dispute and giving a fresh impetus to German trade with Russia a Russian commercial delegation comprising the President of the Russian State Bank, Mr. Scheinmann, the Traffic Commissioner, Mr. Rudstek and three trade experts have arrived at Berlin to confer with representatives of the German Government and trade and industry.—Reuter.

900 PER CENT!

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been given for, say, \$100 defendant would retain it and make out a forged debit note in the name of the shipping agents and present it to his employers, this being for something like \$400. He would get \$400 from his employers, put a forged receipt on the forged bill, give this to his employers, tear up the genuine bill and pocket the \$300 difference.

The way in which this practise was discovered, continued counsel, was that, after defendant had gone and a new employee collected the freight bills, the plaintiffs discovered that for some reason or other the shipping agents, who were the same as before, were charging about 75 per cent. less than they appeared to have done for a number of years. They then interviewed the shipping agents and discovered that for a number of years the latter had only been paid 25 per cent. of the amounts given to defendant by plaintiffs for payment of freights. The receipts plaintiffs had received from the defendant were then discovered to be forged.

A Warrant Issued.

A warrant was issued for the defendant's arrest in September last but he had fled the Colony and there had since been no trace of him whereabouts.

Proceedings, indicated counsel, had been taken under Foreign Attachment under which the defendant's property could be sold and the proceeds paid into Court. Counsel then quoted law in support of his contention that it was not always necessary to bring a criminal case before a civil action, evidence also being called to shew that everything possible had been done to get to know the defendants whereabouts and to bring about his arrest.

The manager of the plaintiff firm went into the witness box, giving proof of the manner in which the firm had been defrauded.

A "Remarkable Thing." Asked by His Lordship (Sir H. C. Gollan) whether it was not a remarkable thing that the firm had paid so much more than the actual freight for so long a period, plaintiff replied that at the time of the European War freights were very high.

His Lordship pointed out that the shipments, with which they were concerned, were several years after the war.

Plaintiff stated that the defendant had also put on his forged debit notes a greater cubic capacity than actually taken up by the cargo.

His Lordship also commented on the trust placed in the defendant by the plaintiff firm. Admittedly, he was an old servant, but it was rather remarkable that a man drawing \$21 a month should have been trusted to such an extent that any statement produced by him was accepted without check. He (His Lordship) would have thought that disaster would have overtaken the plaintiff firm years ago.

The case is proceeding.

INDIAN RESERVE.

Bank Bill Again Discussed.

A GOVERNMENT DEFEAT.

Member Allowed To Vote After Count Is Taken.

New Delhi, Yesterday. In the discussion on the Reserve Bank Bill Sir H. Blackett repeated his previous warnings against the Assembly trying to force unacceptable amendments on the Government and said that under no circumstances would the Government support a Bank whose directors were selected by the Legislature.

Subsequently the amendment to delete the provision for the election of three directors by the Legislature, one of whom would represent commerce and industry was defeated.

Later, however, a division on Clause eight, providing for the appointment of a directorate which Sir H. Blackett moved resulted in a tie of 49 votes, but before the result was handed to the President it was intimated that Mr. Chaudhury, who had refused to vote in the lobby, had changed his mind and wished to vote against the clause.

The President allowed Mr. Chaudhury to vote. This turned the tables against the Government. Sir H. Blackett said the Government would now consider whether the House wanted the F.W. The House then adjourned.—Reuter.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

HOUSE OF LAITY VOTES APPROVAL.

London, Yesterday. The House of Laity by 196 votes to 80 has generally approved the Prayer Book measure.—Reuter.

Emotional Debate.

Prior to the meeting of the House of Laity the three Houses met at prayer when the Archbishop of Canterbury announced it was estimated that under 700 churches practised the continuous reservation of the Sacrament.

The Bishop of Canterbury on Monday had intimated that the refusal of general approval by one House would summarily bring the Prayer Book measure to an end; hence the interest attaches to yesterday's emotional and unfinished debate.

The Laity, whose 352 members constitute the largest section of the Church Assembly, had a score of speakers.

To-day, Lord Selborne, presiding, said, amid cries of dissent, that the majority of 30 English members in favour of the measure in the House of Commons division voiced the opinion of the English people and the opinion English People would prevail in the long run despite the Scots and Irish. Lord Selborne exhorted the House to put the Commons entirely behind them in voting.

Reuter.

BROAD HIGHWAY.

A TRANS-CONTINENTAL ROAD.

Havana, Yesterday. The Pan-American Conference has adopted the project of a Trans-Continental highway to stretch the entire length of North, Central and South America.—Reuter's American Service.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The King of Afghanistan declared to "Le Matin" how delighted he was with his entertainment in France and how deeply impressed he had been by all he had seen. He added that he realized that a nation possessing such a rich past ought to be great in the present and the future.

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